

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A reversible ratchet wrench, comprising:
  - a wrench body having a handle and a head portion at an end of the handle,
  - 5 said head portion having a hole and a chamber communicated with the hole;
  - a ratchet wheel rotatably mounted in the hole of the wrench body and having an annular teeth portion at an outer surface thereof;
  - a pawl moveably received in the chamber of the wrench body and having a teeth portion for meshing the teeth portion of the ratchet wheel, and
  - 10 an annular cover rotatably mounted on the head portion of the wrench body for preventing said ratchet wheel from escaping out of the hole of the wrench body, wherein the annular cover has a driving member contactable to the pawl for driving the pawl to move to a position where the ratchet wheel can be forced to turn clockwise or counterclockwise.
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2. The reversible ratchet wrench as defined in claim 1, wherein said driving member of the annular cover is a rod and said pawl has an elongated slot for receiving the driving member.
- 20 3. The reversible ratchet wrench as defined in claim 2, further comprising a bushing fitted onto the rod.
4. The reversible ratchet wrench as defined in claim 1, wherein the pawl is provided with two posts and the driving member of the annular cover is a rod rested  
25 between the posts.

5. The reversible ratchet wrench as defined in claim 1, wherein the pawl is provided with a driven portion at a side opposite to the teeth portion, wherein the driven portion has two recesses, and the wrench body is provided with a slot at a  
5 sidewall of the chamber, in which a spring is installed, said spring having an end against the driven portion.

6. The reversible ratchet wrench as defined in claim 1, wherein the pawl is provided with a driven portion at a side opposite to the teeth portion, wherein the  
10 driven portion has two recesses, and the wrench body is provided with a slot at a sidewall of the chamber, in which a spring and a ball are installed, wherein the ball pushes the driven portion by the spring.

7. The reversible ratchet wrench as defined in claim 1, further comprising  
15 another pawl received in the chamber, wherein the driving member of the annular cover is a rod rested between the pawls.

8. The reversible ratchet wrench as defined in claim 7, further comprising two springs respectively disposed between the respective pawl and the wrench body.